

Bend motorcyclist injured in crash

by Cheryl McDermott

A 35-year old Bend man was hurt Thursday afternoon when he lost control of his motorcycle while riding through a series of curves on Fryrear Road west of Redmond and went airborne over a 20-foot embankment, Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies reported.

The accident happened shortly after 5:30 p.m. April 5 on Fryrear Road near the northwest transfer station, which is about one and one-half miles south of Highway 126, Sgt. Chad Davis said.

Peter Charles Burge had been following a friend who was riding a motorcycle ahead of him when he came upon a series of 15-mph corners, Davis said. Burge locked the brakes on his motorcycle in order to slow down and lost control. The bike went down, impacted, then slid off the roadway. The sergeant said Burge became separated from the cycle and went airborne, landing 20-feet down an embankment on rocks and dirt.

Paramedics and fire personnel from Cloverdale and Sisters-Camp Sherman fire districts responded to the scene. Burge was transported by ground ambulance to a suitable landing zone, then flown by AirLife helicopter to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend where he was reported to be in stable condition with several bone fractures.

The investigation is continuing, Sgt. Davis said, but added that excessive speed appears to be a factor.

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